

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TEHRAN 02724 200544Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-14 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05
H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 SP-02
SS-15 USIA-15 OMB-01 TRSE-00 ACDA-12 DOE-15 SOE-02
/126 W

-----058664 200546Z /15

R 191316Z MAR 78
FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7482
INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

UNCLAS TEHRAN 02724

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PEPR IR IS UN FR
SUBJ: SHAH CONDEMNS ISRAELI ACTION IN LEBANON

1. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERY, SHAH CONDEMNED ISRAEL'S
ATTACK ON PALESTINIAN TARGETS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON SAYING,
"WE LIKE OTHER NATIONS, CONDEMN AGGRESSION. THIS (ISRAELI
ACTION) IS OF COURSE SHEER BULLYING AND IT SHOWS ONCE AGAIN
WHAT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE REALLY WORTH." SHAH
ADDED, "OF COURSE, I AM TALKING ABOUT THE WEAKNESS OF THE
UNITED NATIONS."

2. SHAH'S REMARKS CAME AT AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE IN
ABADAN ON MARCH 18 AT CONCLUSION OF HIS TOUR OF KHUZESTAN
PROVINCE. IN WIDE-RANGING INTERVIEW SHAH TOUCHED ON A NUMBER
OF ISSUES INCLUDING GOI OIL POLICY AND INTERNAL DISSIDENCE
WHICH ARE BEING REPORTED BY SEPTELS.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TEHRAN 02724 200544Z

3. GOI-FRENCH RELATIONS: THE SHAH SAID HE COULD SEE NO
REASON WHY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD BE
AFFECTED BY A POSSIBLE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT. "WE STAND
WHERE WE ARE. WE SHOULD WAIT AND SEE WHAT THE FRENCH SIDE
DOES (IN THE EVENT PRESENT GOVERNMENT IS DEFEATED). AS
A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, FRENCH DOMESTIC POLITICS SHOULD
LEAVE RELATIONS BETWEEN TEHRAN AND PARIS UNAFFECTED. BUT

IF THEY WANT TO PUSH A SPECIAL POLICY, THEN IT WILL BE A DIFFERENCE STORY.", THE SHAH COMMENTED.

4. NAVAL PROCUREMENT: SHAH SAID GOI ORDERS FOR WEST GERMAN SUBMARINES AND WARSHIPS ARE NOT CONNECTED WITH IRAN'S PERSIAN GULF STRATEGY AS CLAIMED BY THE WESTERN PRESS. SINCE THE PERSIAN GULF IS BOTH NARROW AND SHALLOW, AND THUS IN SHAH'S WORDS, "UNSUITABLE FOR SUBMARINES", THESE PREPARATIONS ARE FOR "IRANIAN ENTRY INTO THE INDIAN OCEAN".

5. COMMENT: MFA SPOKESMAN TOLD EMBOFF THAT NO FURTHER GOI STATEMENT IS EXPECTED AT THIS TIME ON RECENT ISRAELI ACTION IN LEBANON SINCE SHAH HAS GIVEN OFFICIAL GOI REACTION. FARSI KEYHAN MARCH 18 CARRIED ITEM IN POLITICAL COLUMN WHICH NOTED IRAN WAS ALWAYS CONCERNED WITH ATTACKS ON OTHER COUNTRIES ESPECIALLY SINCE GOI HAS TROOPS WITH U.N. PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN GOLAN.
SULLIVAN

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY PROCUREMENT, PRESS CONFERENCES, REPRISALS, COMBAT OPERATIONS, RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978TEHRAN02724
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780122-0180
Format: TEL
From: TEHRAN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780349/aaaabpts.tel
Line Count: 81
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 4e5ef2c3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 08 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3274965
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SHAH CONDEMNS ISRAELI ACTION IN LEBANON
TAGS: PEPR, MOPS, PORG, IR, IS, FR, GE, UN, (PAHLAVI, MOHAMMAD REZA)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/4e5ef2c3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014